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H. J. RES. 364

Designating June as “African-American Music Month”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BLACKWELL (for himself, Mr. MFUME, Mr. FOGLIETTA, Mr. NADLER, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. FROST, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ, Mr. KLECZKA, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. NORTON, Mr. WILSON, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. WATT, Mr. OWENS, Mr. LANCASTER, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. SCOTT, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey, Mr. WASHINGTON, Mr. TUCKER, Mr. TOWNS, and Mr. RUSH) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

JOINT RESOLUTION

Designating June as “African-American Music Month”.

Whereas the International Association of African-American Music has proclaimed June as “African-American Music Month;

Whereas African-American music is indigenous to the United States and originates from Africa, genres such as gospel, blues, jazz, rock, rhythm and blues, rap, hip-hop, and

their variations have their roots in the African-American experience;

Whereas African-American music's prominence has reawakened interest in the legacy and heritage of the art form;

Whereas artists, songwriters, producers, engineers, executives, educators, and other music industry professionals provide inspiration and leadership through the very music they create and manufacture, the educational information disseminated and financial contributions made to various charitable and community-based organizations;

Whereas African-American music has had a pervasive influence on dance, fashion, language, art, literature, cinema, media, advertisements, and more;

Whereas African-American music embodies the strong presence of and significant contributions made by African-Americans to both society as a whole and to the music industry;

Whereas African-American music has a positive impact and broad appeal to diverse groups, both nationally and internationally;

Whereas the multibillion dollar African-American music industry contributes greatly to the worldwide economy; and

Whereas the month of June should be designated each year to afford all Americans an opportunity to study, reflect, and celebrate the majesty, vitality, and significance of African-Americans' contribution to Global Culture: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
- 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 That June is designated as “African-American Music
2 Month”, and the President is authorized and requested
3 to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United
4 States to observe such month by recognizing African-
5 American music and by participating in appropriate cere-
6 monies and activities.

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